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Erik Leonard Hoffman

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Examiner: David C. Comstock

Art Unit: 3732

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO  
ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed October 29, 2004. Please amend the claims in accordance with the "Listing of the Claims" which appears at page 2 of this paper.

Remarks appear at page 14 of this paper.



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TRANSMITTAL LETTER


In regard to the above identified application, we are transmitting herewith the attached:

1. Amendment and Response to Restriction Requirement; and
2. Return postcard.

With respect to additional fees, no fee is believed due. The Commissioner is nevertheless authorized to charge the any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: Nov. 29, 2004

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